Bill to prevent the dedication of women to Hindu Temples in the State of Cochin.

Mrs. G. Pavitran.—I beg to move that the Bill to prevent the dedication of women to Hindu temples in the State of Cochin be taken up and passed.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I second it.

Motion put and agreed to.

Bill to amend the Law relating to the dissolution of Muslim marriages.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Sir, I beg leave to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law Relating to the Dissolution of Muslim marriages.

Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.—I second it.

Motion put and agreed to.

Resolutions on matters of General Public Interest—(*contd.*).

1. Appointments in the State Service (*contd.*).

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Sir, a doubt has been expressed by the Hon'ble Member for Trichur whether in making new appointments the claims of persons who have already held acting appointments should be overlooked and preference be given to persons belonging to the unrepresented communities. My object is far from it. I do not ask for any such particular favour to be done to us. Consistent with the claims of other people you can do a great deal for us. My complaint has been that the uninfluential communities, or the unrepresented communities have been thrown in the background and they have never been given any encouragement. They have not been given their legitimate rights. So it is not my object that the rights of all the other communities should be wiped off and preference should be given to the unrepresented communities. Sir, facts are facts and you have seen what they are here. Now all the Heads of Departments are caste-Hindus, I do not blame the caste-Hindus for being the Heads of Departments. That indicates something. That such a very large community which forms almost one-fourth of the total population of the State has been in the background, or has been thrown in the background and has not been given any encouragement is evident. I have absolutely no quarrel with the Christian community either; I do not want to take away their right. My complaint is certain communities have been more fortunate for some reason or other and they have been fortunate in securing almost all the appointments in the service. We have not been getting our share. The Christian community might have been

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getting a certain portion of it. They must also be given their share. I do not say that the claims of all other communities should be overlooked and we should be preferred. That was not my object and I have no quarrel with any of these communities. I want the present Government to keep this in mind, that there are certain communities some of which forming one-fourth or one-third of the total population have been submerged, have been ignored till now, and therefore I request the Government would show them the necessary encouragement and give them all facilities hereafter. From the speech delivered by the Hon'ble Member for Jews yesterday it would appear that the object of the resolution is that hereafter no caste-Hindu and no Christian should be appointed till the non-caste people also come to the level of the other people. I do not go to that extent. I do not know, if you ask the Christian community, whether they will say that they have got their share as yet. They must also get their share. But my object is that we should not be ignored and should not be a neglected community. Government will have to do something substantial in this matter. As pointed out by the Hon'ble Member for Jews, in Cochin politics consists almost entirely in making a few appointments and if you appoint only from a certain community all the other communities will say that they are not represented. If you disregard certain communities, they will complain and as long as communities remain with clashing interest this state of affairs also will last. The Government will have to keep up the equilibrium between the various communities. I do not wish to press this resolution. I want to point out these facts to the Government so that the Government will be kind enough to look into these matters when opportunities occur.

The Member for Nemmara made a personal reference yesterday about me, that I was holding a Sub-Magistrate's post and why I should have come away when all my juniors are occupying high positions now. I may say a word in explanation in the first place. I never wanted that my personal matters should be introduced here. Since the Member referred to it, I shall only say a word. It is true that 12 years ago, in 1094, I was holding an acting appointment in Government service as a Magistrate. I was holding it for a few months and when that was over I thought that I would come away to join the bar, evidently for the same reason which induced that Hon'ble Member to leave the bar and to take to cultivation. (*laughter.*) The Hon'ble Member himself has already stated that he found cultivation much more profitable than the

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legal profession. In my case, however, the attraction was just the other way. In any case, I left my acting appointment when it was over and came to join the bar. Probably the Hon'ble Member means, if I had struck on to the service, there would have been no such resolution brought here in this Council. But somebody else may come in my place. Let it stop here.

Then, regarding the resolution my request is that the Government will sympathetically consider the various aspects of the question. The Ezhuva community is a very large community in the State probably the largest community excepting all the denominations of the Christians put together. The Ezhuvas number 2 and a half lakhs, *i.e.* one-fourth of the total population. As I said before I see in the latest Civil List that there are only 12 names out of 480 and there are several departments which have completely ignored us. The Civil List for Education Department is not in this published list. In the Education Department also our state is not much better. There, I think, the Lady Member is the highest officer from the Ezhuva community. As I said before facts cannot be easily shut out. I request that the present Government will take into consideration these matters and bring about a more satisfactory state of affairs. I do not want to press this resolution and I would ask for leave of the House to withdraw the resolution, having placed all these facts before the Government.

The resolution was withdrawn with leave of the House.

2. Bathing Ghats in Public Bathing Tanks.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I am not going to commend my resolution with any lengthy speech. It is only considerations of decency and respect for the feelings of the members of the fair sex that induced me to table this resolution. I commend this resolution for the acceptance of the Hon'ble Members of this House, particularly the Hon'ble Lady Member. Before I move this I may be allowed to explain the words 'public tanks'. By the said words I mean tanks maintained out of public funds and it is not my purpose that the works should be carried out all at once. My request is only that the works may be carried out according to a settled programme, as funds permit. With these few words I move the following resolution, namely, —

"This Council recommends to Government to provide bathing ghats with tiled roofs and screen walls in all public bathing tanks for the exclusive use of girls and women".

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— I beg to second it.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Hon'ble Member for Irinjalakkuda wants to provide bathing ghats with tiled roofs and screen walls in all public bathing tanks for the use of girls and

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